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SUBJECT: FRENCH CONTACTS WITH IEA

AFP NEWS STORY DATELINED NEW YORK REPORTS NEW YORK TIMES STORY TO EFFECT THE IEA AND FRANCE HAVE AGREED TO HAVE FORMAL CONTACTS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE CONSULTATION AMONG CONSUMERS. THE TIMES ARTICLE REPORTEDLY SAYS THAT DAVIGNON HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO INFORM BRUNET, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MFA, OF THE RESULTS OF EVERY MEETING OF THE IEA. IN RETURN BRUNET IS TO GIVE DAVIGNON FRENCH IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS ON A PRODUCER-CONSUMER CONFERENCE.

SUBSEQUENTLY AFP RELEASED A STORY SAYING THAT THE NEW YORK TIMES STORY HAD BEEN CONFIRMED IN PARIS "BY WELL INFORMED SOURCES". SECOND AFP STORY CONTINUED: "BUT THESE RELATIONS ARE IN NO WAY NEW, IT IS EMPHASIZED IN PARIS. FRANCE HAS BEEN KEPT INFORMED FROM THE BEGINNING OF PROGRESS WHICH HAS TAKEN PLACE IN THE IEA. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT INFORMAL CONTACTS BETWEEN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGENCY AND THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE".

BRUNET INFORMED ECON/COM MIN THAT HE WAS THE SOURCE OF THE SECOND REPORT. HE SAID THAT AFTER THE FIRST REPORT APPEARED, THE FRENCH PRESS HAD GOTTEN IN TOUCH WITH HIM TO SEEK CONFIRMATION.

BRUNET SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN A LITTLE MYSTIFIED BY THE REPORT, SINCE HE HAD NOT YET BEEN INFORMED OF THE DECISION OF THE IEA TO AUTHORIZE DAVIGNON TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH THE GOF. HE SAID DAVIGNON HAD NOT YET GOTTEN IN TOUCH WITH THE GOF (HE ADDED THAT HE WAS NOT YET CERTAIN THAT HE HIMSELF WOULD BE THE PERSON WITH WHOM CONTACT WOULD BE ESTABLISHED). HOWEVER, HE CONTINUED, THE GOF CONSIDERED THAT DIRECT CONTACT WITH DAVIGNON WAS AN ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY WAY TO CARRY OUT THE MARTINIQUE COMMITMENT TO STRENGTHEN COOPERATION BETWEEN FRANCE AND OTHER CONSUMERS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF EXISTING INSTITUTIONS AND AGREEMENTS. HE SAID HE WAS SATISFIED THAT THIS PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENT COULD BE WORKED OUT PROMPTLY AND TO THE SATISFACTION OF ALL CONCERNED.

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